



**EX9.16 - Preliminary Feasibility Assessment of Siting the Therme Facility at Exhibition Place  
10-30-2023**

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you both as an enthusiastic open-water swimmer with [SwimOP](#) and the CEO of [Thexyz Inc.](#), a leading Toronto technology firm deeply invested in environmental initiatives where we've championed the cause of ecological preservation through platforms like [SaveTheBeach.ca](#), [Curious Penguins](#) and [SaveTheTreesatOP.com](#), underlining our commitment to safeguarding our city's natural treasures.

Ontario Place boasts Downtown Toronto's sole pebble stone beach and a mature urban forest of over 1500 trees at risk of being cut down. Beyond its scenic appeal, this location serves as a thriving hub for thousands of local swimmers who find solace, beauty, and community here. It's not just about the swimmers; it's about every Torontonians who benefits from this haven of tranquility in our urban landscape, a number that is close to 3 million people.

The Therme Spa, as currently proposed, casts a long shadow over this cherished space. The potential obliteration of the beach and the loss of the forest would be irrevocable, particularly when viable alternative locations are available. In a sprawling metropolis like Toronto, every patch of nature is a sanctuary, and it's our shared responsibility to safeguard these spaces that augment our quality of life and wellbeing.

I earnestly urge a reconsideration of the Therme Spa's proposed venue. The ecological and communal heritage of Ontario Place is too precious to compromise. Our request is straightforward: preserve Toronto's waterfront as a refuge for nature and its residents.

I am hopeful that the custodians of our city's future will listen to the united voice of the community and make choices in harmony with the aspirations of all Torontonians, nature, and wildlife.

Thank you for considering our perspective.

Warm regards,

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